

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A low insertion force electrical socket contact has a plurality of inwardly extending projections that function as arc receiving elements upon the initial mating of the socket contact with a corresponding male pin contact. The spacing of the inwardly extending arc receiving elements is such that the maximum transverse distance therebetween across the socket contact bore is greater than the maximum transverse distance of the male pin contact. Further insertion mating of the male pin contact establishes electrical contact with a plurality of integrally formed spring contacts in the socket contact.

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